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Introduction

Welcome to the savoury world of Argentine baking, where every slice tells a story and every crumb carries the essence of tradition. In this cookbook, we embark on a delightful journey through the rich tapestry of Argentine cakes and breads, exploring the flavours, techniques, and cultural significance that make them truly extraordinary.

Argentina, a land of diverse landscapes and vibrant cultures, boasts a baking heritage as rich and varied as its people. From the bustling streets of Buenos Aires to the serene countryside of the Pampas, each region has its own unique take on the art of baking, shaped by centuries of culinary tradition and innovation.

At the heart of Argentine baking lies a deep reverence for quality ingredients and time-honored techniques. Argentine cakes and breads are crafted with care and passion, embodying the warmth and hospitality for which Argentina is renowned.

In this cookbook, we invite you to explore a curated collection of authentic recipes that celebrate the best of Argentine baking. Whether you're craving the comforting aroma of freshly baked bread or the irresistible allure of a decadent cake, you'll find inspiration within these pages to bring a taste of Argentina into your own kitchen.

All recipes are for 4 persons!

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Balcarce Cake

Balcarce Cake, a beloved dessert hailing from Argentina, is a delectable treat that combines layers of rich sponge cake, dulce de leche, and creamy frosting, topped with a generous array of fruits and nuts. Named after the town of Balcarce in the Buenos Aires province, where it originated, this cake has become a symbol of Argentine culinary craftsmanship. Balcarce Cake is not only a dessert but also a celebration of Argentine culinary tradition, showcasing the country's love for indulgent sweets and fresh, vibrant flavours. Whether enjoyed on a special occasion or as a delightful everyday treat, this cake never fails to delight the senses and evoke the warmth and flavour of Argentina.

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup dulce de leche
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar
- 1 cup chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans work well)
- Fresh berries for garnish (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour two 8-inch round cake pans.
2. In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Add the vanilla extract and continue beating until well incorporated.
3. Sift the flour and baking powder into the egg mixture and gently fold until just combined.
4. Divide the batter evenly between the prepared cake pans and smooth the tops.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.
6. Once baked, remove the cakes from the oven and let them cool in the pans for 10 minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely.
7. In a mixing bowl, whip the whipping cream with powdered sugar until stiff peaks form.
8. To assemble the cake, place one cake layer on a serving plate. Spread a generous layer of dulce de leche over the top.
9. Spread a layer of whipped cream over the dulce de leche, then sprinkle with chopped nuts.
10. Place the second cake layer on top and repeat the process, spreading dulce de leche, whipped cream, and chopped nuts.
11. Garnish the top of the cake with fresh berries if desired.
12. Refrigerate the cake for at least 1 hour before serving to allow the flavours to meld together.
13. Slice and serve chilled.

Pan de Campo

Pan de Campo, or "country bread," is a rustic and hearty loaf that reflects the simplicity and authenticity of traditional Argentinian cuisine. This beloved bread holds a special place in the hearts of Argentinians, cherished for its robust flavour, crusty exterior, and soft, chewy interior. Pan de Campo is a versatile bread that pairs well with a wide range of dishes, from hearty stews and soups to grilled meats and cheeses. It is often enjoyed at outdoor gatherings, picnics, and barbecues, where its rustic charm and hearty flavour are appreciated by all.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh herbs (such as parsley, thyme, or rosemary)
- Additional melted butter for brushing (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C). Grease a baking sheet or line it with parchment paper.
2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
3. In a separate bowl, mix the melted butter, vegetable oil, buttermilk, and honey until well combined.
4. Gradually add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, stirring until a soft dough forms.
5. Fold in the chopped herbs until evenly distributed throughout the dough.
6. Shape the dough into a round loaf and place it on the prepared baking sheet.
7. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the bread is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom.
8. Remove the Pan de Campo from the oven and let it cool on a wire rack.
9. Optionally, brush the top of the bread with melted butter for added flavour.
10. Slice and serve the Pan de Campo as a delicious side to your favourite meals.

Torta negra Galesa

Torta Negra Galesa Cake, or Welsh Black Cake, is a cherished dessert that reflects the cultural heritage of the Welsh immigrants who settled in the Patagonia region of Argentina. This decadent cake is a fusion of traditional Welsh and Argentine flavours, creating a unique and beloved treat that is enjoyed across the country. Torta Negra Galesa Cake is enjoyed on special occasions and holidays, particularly Christmas and New Year's celebrations. It is often served sliced thinly and accompanied by a cup of coffee or tea, allowing guests to savour the rich and festive flavours of the cake while sharing stories and memories with loved ones.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup pitted prunes
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup candied fruit (such as orange peel, lemon peel, or citron)
- 1 cup dark rum or brandy
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (such as walnuts or almonds), optional
- Powdered sugar for dusting (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9-inch round cake pan.
2. In a saucepan, combine the prunes, raisins, candied fruit, rum or brandy, and water. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and cook for about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and let it cool completely.
3. In a large mixing bowl, cream together the sugar and butter until light and fluffy.
4. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
5. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and salt.
6. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture, mixing until just combined.
7. Stir in the cooled fruit mixture and chopped nuts, if using, until evenly distributed throughout the batter.
8. Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan and spread it out evenly.
9. Bake in the preheated oven for 45-55 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.
10. Remove the cake from the oven and let it cool in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely.
11. Once cooled, dust the top of the Torta Negra Galesa with powdered sugar if desired.

Chocotorta

Chocotorta is a beloved dessert in Argentina, renowned for its simplicity, indulgence, and irresistibly delicious flavour. This no-bake treat has captured the hearts and taste buds of Argentinians of all ages, becoming a staple at family gatherings, parties, and celebrations across the country. Chocotorta's popularity extends beyond its delicious taste—it holds a special place in the hearts of Argentinians as a nostalgic comfort food, evoking memories of childhood and family gatherings. Its simple yet irresistible combination of flavours and textures has made it a classic dessert that continues to delight generation after generation.

Ingredients:

- 1 package (200g) chocolate cookies (such as chocolate graham crackers or chocolate wafers)
- 1 cup dulce de leche
- 1 cup cream cheese
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Chocolate shavings or cocoa powder for garnish (optional)

Instructions:

1. In a mixing bowl, whip the heavy cream with vanilla extract until stiff peaks form.
2. In another bowl, mix the dulce de leche and cream cheese until smooth and well combined.
3. Gently fold the whipped cream into the dulce de leche mixture until fully incorporated.
4. Spread a thin layer of the dulce de leche mixture on the bottom of a serving dish.
5. Dip each chocolate cookie into milk (or coffee for a richer flavor) for a few seconds, then place a layer of dipped cookies on top of the dulce de leche mixture.
6. Spread a layer of the dulce de leche mixture over the cookies.
7. Repeat the layers until you've used all the cookies and dulce de leche mixture, finishing with a layer of the mixture on top.
8. Optionally, sprinkle chocolate shavings or cocoa powder over the top for garnish.
9. Cover the dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or overnight, to allow the flavours to meld together and the dessert to set.
10. Slice and serve chilled. Enjoy this decadent Chocotorta with friends and family!

Medialunas

Medialunas are a quintessential pastry in Argentinian cuisine, beloved for their buttery flavour, flaky texture, and irresistible aroma. These crescent-shaped pastries have a long-standing tradition in Argentina and are enjoyed throughout the day, whether as a breakfast staple, a mid-morning snack, or a sweet treat with coffee or tea. Medialunas hold a special place in Argentinian culture, symbolizing comfort, indulgence, and the joy of sharing simple pleasures with loved ones. Whether enjoyed at home, in a bustling café, or on the go, these iconic pastries embody the warmth and hospitality of Argentinian cuisine.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1/2 cup warm milk
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg yolk mixed with 1 tablespoon milk (for egg wash)
- Powdered sugar for dusting (optional)

Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, dissolve the yeast in warm milk. Let it sit for about 5 minutes until frothy.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugar, and salt. Make a well in the centre and pour in the yeast mixture, melted butter, egg, and vanilla extract.
3. Mix everything together until a dough forms.
4. Knead the dough on a lightly floured surface for about 5-7 minutes until it becomes smooth and elastic.
5. Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover it with a clean kitchen towel, and let it rise in a warm place for about 1-2 hours or until doubled in size.
6. Once the dough has risen, punch it down and divide it into 4 equal portions.
7. Roll out each portion into a circle about 1/4 inch thick.
8. Cut each circle into 8 wedges.
9. Starting from the wide end, roll each wedge towards the pointed end to form a crescent shape.
10. Place the shaped medialunas on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, leaving some space between each one.
11. Cover the shaped medialunas with a clean kitchen towel and let them rise for another 30-45 minutes.
12. Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C).
13. Brush the risen medialunas with the egg wash.
14. Bake in the preheated oven for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown.
15. Optional: Dust the warm medialunas with powdered sugar before serving.

Pan de Masa

Pan de Masa, or "dough bread," is a versatile and cherished staple in Argentinian cuisine, celebrated for its simplicity, soft texture, and delicious flavour. This beloved bread is a fundamental component of many traditional Argentinian dishes and is enjoyed in various forms throughout the country. Pan de Masa is enjoyed in various forms, from simple dinner rolls and sandwich bread to more elaborate creations such as empanadas, pizzas, and facturas (sweet pastries). It is a versatile bread that can be adapted to suit a wide range of tastes and preferences, making it a beloved staple in Argentinian households.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup warm water
- 1 packet (7g) active dry yeast
- 1 egg, beaten (for egg wash)
- Sesame seeds (optional, for topping)

Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, mix the warm water, sugar, and yeast. Let it sit for about 5-10 minutes, or until the yeast is foamy.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour and salt. Add the vegetable oil and the yeast mixture. Mix until a dough forms.
3. Knead the dough on a floured surface for about 5-7 minutes, or until smooth and elastic.
4. Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover it with a clean kitchen towel, and let it rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, or until doubled in size.
5. Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C). Grease a baking sheet or line it with parchment paper.
6. Punch down the risen dough and divide it into 4 equal portions. Shape each portion into a round loaf and place them on the prepared baking sheet.
7. Brush the tops of the loaves with the beaten egg and sprinkle with sesame seeds, if using.
8. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the loaves are golden brown and sound hollow when tapped on the bottom.
9. Remove the Pan de Masa from the oven and let it cool on a wire rack.
10. Serve the Pan de Masa warm as a delicious side to your favourite dishes.

Corn Cake

Corn Cake, or "Torta de Choclo," is a beloved dessert that celebrates the natural sweetness and hearty flavour of fresh corn. This traditional dish holds a special place in Argentinian cuisine, cherished for its comforting taste, rustic charm, and versatility. Corn Cake is enjoyed on various occasions, from casual family meals to festive celebrations and gatherings. It is a comforting and nourishing dessert that evokes feelings of home and tradition, reminding people of simpler times and cherished memories.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups corn kernels (fresh or frozen)
- 3/4 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Powdered sugar, for dusting (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9-inch round cake pan.
2. In a blender or food processor, blend 1 cup of corn kernels until smooth. Leave the remaining 1 cup of corn kernels whole.
3. In a large mixing bowl, combine the blended corn kernels, whole corn kernels, cornmeal, flour, sugar, melted butter, milk, eggs, baking powder, and salt. Mix until well combined.
4. Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan and spread it out evenly.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 35-40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean and the top is golden brown.
6. Remove the corn cake from the oven and let it cool in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely.
7. Once cooled, dust the top of the corn cake with powdered sugar if desired.
8. Slice and serve the Argentinian Corn Cake as a delightful dessert or snack.

Torta de Ricota

Torta de Ricota, or Ricotta Cake, is a beloved dessert in Argentinian cuisine renowned for its creamy texture, delicate flavour, and comforting sweetness. This delightful cake has its roots in Italian culinary traditions but has been embraced and adapted by the Argentine people, becoming a cherished part of their gastronomic heritage. Torta de Ricota is a versatile dessert that can be enjoyed on various occasions, from casual family gatherings to festive celebrations. It pairs wonderfully with a cup of coffee or tea, making it an ideal treat for afternoon tea or dessert. Beyond its delicious taste, Torta de Ricota holds cultural significance in Argentina, reflecting the country's rich culinary heritage and the influence of Italian immigrants on Argentine cuisine.

Ingredients:

- 500g ricotta cheese
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- Powdered sugar for dusting (optional)
- Fresh berries for garnish (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9-inch round cake pan.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the ricotta cheese, eggs, sugar, milk, melted butter, lemon zest, and vanilla extract. Mix until smooth.
3. Gradually add the flour and corn-starch to the ricotta mixture, stirring until well combined and no lumps remain.
4. Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan and spread it out evenly.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 45-50 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.
6. Remove the torta from the oven and let it cool in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely.
7. Once cooled, dust the top of the torta with powdered sugar if desired.
8. Slice and serve the Argentinian Torta de Ricota with fresh berries on the side for garnish.
9. Enjoy this delightful ricotta cake with friends and family!

Pan de Salvado

Pan de Salvado, or bran bread, is a wholesome and nutritious staple in Argentinian cuisine, celebrated for its hearty flavour, rustic texture, and health benefits. This beloved bread is a testament to Argentina's rich agricultural heritage and its commitment to incorporating natural, whole ingredients into traditional dishes. Pan de Salvado is enjoyed on various occasions, from breakfast and brunch to lunch and dinner. It is often served alongside soups, salads, or grilled meats, where its hearty flavour and wholesome texture complement a wide range of dishes.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup wheat bran
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups warm water
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Additional wheat bran for dusting

Instructions:

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine the whole wheat flour, wheat bran, all-purpose flour, yeast, sugar, and salt.
2. Gradually add the warm water and vegetable oil to the dry ingredients, mixing until a dough forms.
3. Knead the dough on a floured surface for about 5-7 minutes, or until smooth and elastic.
4. Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover it with a clean kitchen towel, and let it rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, or until doubled in size.
5. Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C). Grease a baking sheet or line it with parchment paper.
6. Punch down the risen dough and shape it into a round loaf. Place it on the prepared baking sheet.
7. Dust the top of the loaf with wheat bran.
8. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the loaf is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom.
9. Remove the Pan de Salvado from the oven and let it cool on a wire rack.
10. Serve the Pan de Salvado warm as a healthy and nutritious bread option.

Strawberry Tart

Strawberry Tart, or "Tarta de Frutillas," is a delightful and elegant dessert that captures the essence of summer with its vibrant colours and refreshing flavours. This classic tart showcases the natural sweetness of ripe strawberries atop a crisp pastry shell, creating a perfect balance of sweetness and tanginess that is sure to delight the senses. Strawberry Tart is a versatile dessert that can be enjoyed on various occasions, from casual gatherings to formal celebrations. It is often served chilled, allowing the flavours to meld together and the tart to set, resulting in a refreshing and satisfying dessert that is perfect for warm summer days.

Ingredients:

- 1 pre-made pie crust (store-bought or homemade)
- 1 pound fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1/4 cup strawberry jam or preserves
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon water
- Whipped cream or vanilla ice cream for serving (optional)
- Fresh mint leaves for garnish (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C). If using a store-bought pie crust, follow the package instructions for pre-baking.
2. Roll out the pie crust and press it into a tart pan or pie dish, trimming any excess dough from the edges.
3. Prick the bottom of the crust with a fork to prevent it from puffing up during baking.
4. Bake the pie crust in the preheated oven according to package instructions or until golden brown. Let it cool completely.
5. In a small saucepan, heat the strawberry jam or preserves, lemon juice, and water over low heat until melted and smooth. Remove from heat and let it cool slightly.
6. Arrange the sliced strawberries in an overlapping pattern on top of the cooled tart crust.
7. Brush the melted jam mixture over the strawberries to glaze them.
8. Optionally, you can refrigerate the tart for 30 minutes to set the glaze.
9. Serve the Argentinian Strawberry Tart slices with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream if desired.
10. Garnish with fresh mint leaves for a pop of colour and extra freshness.
11. Enjoy this delightful strawberry tart with your family and friends!

Chipá

Chipá, a beloved traditional snack, is a testament to Argentina's rich culinary heritage and cultural diversity. These delightful cheese-flavoured rolls originate from the Guarani people, indigenous to the region that is now Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay. Over time, Chipá has become an integral part of Argentinian cuisine, enjoyed across the country for its unique taste and comforting texture. Chipá is a versatile treat enjoyed on many occasions, from breakfast to afternoon snacks and even as a side dish for meals. It pairs wonderfully with a cup of yerba mate, Argentina's traditional herbal tea, or as a complement to soups and salads.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups tapioca flour
- 1 cup grated cheese (such as Parmesan or a similar hard cheese)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the tapioca flour, grated cheese, salt, pepper, and baking powder.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk together the milk, melted butter, and egg.
4. Gradually add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, mixing until a dough forms. The dough will be sticky.
5. Using wet hands, shape the dough into small balls, about 1 inch in diameter, and place them on the prepared baking sheet.
6. Bake in the preheated oven for 20-25 minutes, or until the Chipá are puffed up and golden brown.
7. Remove the Chipá from the oven and let them cool slightly before serving.
8. Serve the Chipá warm as a delicious snack or side dish.

Coconut Cake

Coconut Cake, or "Torta de Coco," is a delectable dessert that captures the tropical flavours of coconut in every bite. This moist and flavourful cake is a beloved treat in Argentina, celebrated for its delicate crumb, rich coconut flavour, and irresistible sweetness. Coconut Cake is often adorned with a generous sprinkling of shredded coconut on top, adding a touch of texture and visual appeal to the finished dessert. Some variations of the cake may also include a layer of coconut custard or jam between the cake layers for added flavour and moisture. Whether enjoyed as a sweet ending to a meal or as a special treat to share with loved ones, Coconut Cake embodies the warmth, hospitality, and culinary creativity of Argentinian cuisine, inviting people to indulge in a slice of tropical paradise.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup shredded coconut (unsweetened)
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup coconut milk
- 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
- Additional shredded coconut for topping (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9-inch round cake pan.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine the all-purpose flour, shredded coconut, granulated sugar, baking powder, and salt.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk together the melted butter, eggs, vanilla extract, coconut milk, and sweetened condensed milk until well combined.
4. Gradually add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, stirring until a smooth batter forms.
5. Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan and spread it out evenly.
6. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.
7. Remove the cake from the oven and let it cool in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely.
8. Once cooled, optionally sprinkle additional shredded coconut over the top for decoration.
9. Slice and serve the Coconut Cake, and enjoy the tropical flavours with your friends and family!

Olive Bread

Olive Bread, or "Pan de Aceitunas," is a savoury and flavourful bread that showcases the rich and briny taste of olives. This beloved bread is a staple in Argentinian cuisine, enjoyed as a snack, appetizer, or accompaniment to meals, and is cherished for its robust flavour and rustic charm. Olive Bread is a versatile bread that pairs well with a wide range of dishes, from hearty soups and stews to salads and charcuterie boards. It is also delicious on its own or toasted with a spread of butter or cream cheese for a simple yet satisfying snack.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 packet (7g) active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup warm water
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup pitted green olives, chopped
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese (optional)
- Fresh rosemary leaves for garnish (optional)

Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, dissolve the sugar in warm water. Sprinkle the yeast over the water and let it sit for about 5-10 minutes until it becomes frothy.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour and salt. Make a well in the centre and pour in the activated yeast mixture and olive oil.
3. Stir the ingredients together until a dough forms.
4. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead for about 5-7 minutes until it becomes smooth and elastic.
5. Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover it with a clean kitchen towel, and let it rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, or until doubled in size.
6. Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C). Grease a baking sheet or line it with parchment paper.
7. Punch down the risen dough and knead in the chopped olives and grated Parmesan cheese, if using.
8. Shape the dough into a loaf and place it on the prepared baking sheet.
9. Score the top of the loaf with a sharp knife and sprinkle with fresh rosemary leaves, if using.
10. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the bread is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom.
11. Remove the bread from the oven and let it cool on a wire rack before slicing.
12. Serve the Olive Bread warm or at room temperature, and enjoy the savoury flavour of olives in every bite!

Santiago Cake

Santiago Cake, or "Torta Santiago," is a classic dessert that hails from the Galicia region of Spain but has found a beloved home in Argentina's culinary landscape. This rich and flavourful cake is celebrated for its simplicity, depth of flavour, and cultural significance. Santiago Cake is enjoyed on various occasions, from casual afternoon tea to festive celebrations and holidays. It is a comforting and nostalgic dessert that evokes feelings of tradition, family, and community, reminding people of shared meals and cherished memories.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup almond flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
- Powdered sugar, for dusting (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9-inch round cake pan.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine the almond flour, granulated sugar, melted butter, eggs, vanilla extract, lemon zest, and almond extract (if using). Mix until well combined.
3. Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan and spread it out evenly.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the cake is golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
5. Remove the Santiago Cake from the oven and let it cool in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely.
6. Once cooled, dust the top of the cake with powdered sugar if desired.
7. Slice and serve the Santiago Cake as a delicious dessert or snack.

Coffee Cake

Coffee Cake, known as "Bizcochuelo de Café," is a delightful and aromatic treat that perfectly complements the rich and bold flavours of coffee. This classic cake is a beloved staple in Argentinian cuisine, enjoyed as a sweet indulgence alongside a cup of coffee or tea, or as a comforting dessert to share with family and friends. Coffee Cake is a versatile dessert that can be enjoyed on various occasions, from breakfast or brunch to afternoon tea or dessert. It pairs beautifully with a cup of freshly brewed coffee, enhancing the experience with its complementary flavours and aromas.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup brewed coffee, cooled
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Powdered sugar for dusting (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9-inch round cake pan.
2. In a mixing bowl, cream together the softened butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
4. Stir in the vanilla extract.
5. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt.
6. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, alternating with the brewed coffee, mixing until just combined.
7. Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan and spread it out evenly.
8. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.
9. Remove the cake from the oven and let it cool in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely.
10. Once cooled, dust the top of the coffee cake with powdered sugar if desired.
11. Slice and serve the Coffee Cake with a cup of coffee or tea for a delightful treat!

Criollo Bread

Criollo Bread, a cherished staple in the country's culinary repertoire, embodies the essence of tradition and simplicity. With its rustic charm and hearty flavour, Criollo Bread is a testament to Argentina's rich agricultural heritage and the artistry of its bakers. Criollo Bread is enjoyed in various forms across Argentina, from breakfast to dinner and everything in between. It is the perfect accompaniment to a traditional Argentine asado (barbecue), where it is used to soak up the flavourful juices of grilled meats, or as the base for a classic choripán (chorizo sandwich).

Ingredients:

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Cornmeal, for dusting

Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, mix the warm water, sugar, and yeast. Let it sit for about 5-10 minutes, or until the yeast is foamy.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour and salt.
3. Add the yeast mixture and olive oil to the flour mixture. Mix until a dough forms.
4. Knead the dough on a floured surface for about 5-7 minutes, or until smooth and elastic.
5. Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover it with a clean kitchen towel, and let it rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, or until doubled in size.
6. Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C). Grease a baking sheet or line it with parchment paper and sprinkle with cornmeal.
7. Punch down the risen dough and shape it into a round loaf. Place it on the prepared baking sheet.
8. Score the top of the loaf with a sharp knife.
9. Bake in the preheated oven for 30-35 minutes, or until the bread is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom.
10. Remove the Criollo Bread from the oven and let it cool on a wire rack.
11. Serve the Criollo Bread warm as a delicious side to your favourite dishes.

Pan de Campo con Grasa

Pan de Campo con Grasa, or country bread with fat, is a rustic and flavourful bread that reflects Argentina's rich culinary heritage and the ingenuity of its rural traditions. This beloved bread is a staple in Argentine cuisine, celebrated for its hearty texture, rich flavor, and versatility. Pan de Campo con Grasa is enjoyed on various occasions in Argentina, from breakfast to dinner and everything in between. It is often served alongside traditional Argentine dishes such as asado (barbecue), choripán (chorizo sandwich), or milanesa (breaded and fried meat), where its rich flavour and hearty texture complement the flavours of the meal.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1/4 cup lard or beef tallow, melted
- Additional lard or beef tallow for greasing and brushing

Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, mix the warm water, sugar, and yeast. Let it sit for about 5-10 minutes, or until the yeast is foamy.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour and salt.
3. Add the yeast mixture and melted lard or beef tallow to the flour mixture. Mix until a dough forms.
4. Knead the dough on a floured surface for about 5-7 minutes, or until smooth and elastic.
5. Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover it with a clean kitchen towel, and let it rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, or until doubled in size.
6. Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C). Grease a baking sheet or line it with parchment paper.
7. Punch down the risen dough and shape it into a round loaf. Place it on the prepared baking sheet.
8. Score the top of the loaf with a sharp knife.
9. Bake in the preheated oven for 30-35 minutes, or until the bread is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom.
10. Remove the Pan de Campo con Grasa from the oven and let it cool on a wire rack.
11. Brush the top of the bread with melted lard or beef tallow for added flavour.
12. Serve the Pan de Campo con Grasa warm as a delicious accompaniment to your meals.

Cubanitos

Cubanitos are a delightful and indulgent treat that combines the flavours of chocolate and dulce de leche in a small, bite-sized confection. These beloved sweets are a popular choice in Argentina, cherished for their rich taste, creamy texture, and nostalgic charm. Cubanitos are enjoyed as a sweet snack or dessert, perfect for satisfying a craving for something sweet and satisfying. They are often served alongside a cup of coffee or tea, providing the perfect accompaniment to a leisurely afternoon break or a festive celebration.

Ingredients:

- 8 slices of white bread (preferably sandwich bread)
- 8 slices of ham
- 4 slices of cheese (such as Swiss or Gouda)
- Dijon mustard, to taste
- 4 large eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Butter or oil, for frying

Instructions:

1. Lay out the bread slices on a clean surface. Spread a thin layer of Dijon mustard on each slice.
2. Place a slice of ham and a slice of cheese on half of the bread slices.
3. Top each with another slice of bread to form sandwiches.
4. In a shallow dish, whisk together the eggs, milk, salt, and pepper.
5. Dip each sandwich into the egg mixture, ensuring it's well-coated on both sides.
6. Heat a large skillet or griddle over medium heat and add a little butter or oil.
7. Place the dipped sandwiches in the skillet and cook for 3-4 minutes on each side, or until golden brown and the cheese is melted.
8. Remove the Cubanitos from the skillet and let them cool slightly before slicing diagonally into halves or quarters.
9. Serve warm and enjoy these delicious Cubanitos as a snack, or light meal!

Pan de Cebolla

Pan de Cebolla, or onion bread, is a savoury and aromatic delight that adds a burst of flavour to any meal. With its rich onion flavour and soft, tender texture, this beloved bread is a staple in Argentine cuisine, cherished for its versatility and delicious taste. Pan de Cebolla is enjoyed on various occasions, from breakfast to dinner and everything in between. It is often served alongside traditional Argentine dishes such as empanadas, grilled meats, or hearty stews, where its savoury flavour and soft texture complement the meal perfectly.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley (optional)
- Additional olive oil for greasing

Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, mix the warm water, sugar, and yeast. Let it sit for about 5-10 minutes, or until the yeast is foamy.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour and salt.
3. Add the yeast mixture and olive oil to the flour mixture. Mix until a dough forms.
4. Knead the dough on a floured surface for about 5-7 minutes, or until smooth and elastic.
5. Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover it with a clean kitchen towel, and let it rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, or until doubled in size.
6. Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C). Grease a baking sheet or line it with parchment paper.
7. In a skillet, heat a little olive oil over medium heat. Add the chopped onion and cook until softened and translucent, about 5-7 minutes. Stir in the chopped parsley, if using. Remove from heat and let it cool.
8. Punch down the risen dough and divide it into 4 equal portions. Shape each portion into a round loaf and place them on the prepared baking sheet.
9. Press your thumb into the center of each loaf to create a small indentation. Spoon some of the onion mixture into each indentation.
10. Bake in the preheated oven for 20-25 minutes, or until the bread is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom.
11. Remove the Pan de Cebolla from the oven and let it cool on a wire rack.
12. Serve the Pan de Cebolla warm as a delicious accompaniment to your meals.

Pan de Aceitunas

Pan de Aceitunas, or olive bread, is a delightful and flavourful creation that brings a Mediterranean twist to the traditional Argentine bread scene. With its rich olive flavour and hearty texture, this beloved bread is a staple in Argentinian cuisine, cherished for its versatility and delicious taste. Pan de Aceitunas is enjoyed on various occasions, from breakfast to dinner and everything in between. It is often served alongside traditional Argentine dishes such as empanadas, grilled meats, or salads, where its savoury flavour and hearty texture complement the meal perfectly.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 cup chopped green olives
- Additional olive oil for greasing

Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, mix the warm water, sugar, and yeast. Let it sit for about 5-10 minutes, or until the yeast is foamy.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour and salt.
3. Add the yeast mixture and olive oil to the flour mixture. Mix until a dough forms.
4. Knead the dough on a floured surface for about 5-7 minutes, or until smooth and elastic.
5. Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover it with a clean kitchen towel, and let it rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, or until doubled in size.
6. Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C). Grease a baking sheet or line it with parchment paper.
7. Punch down the risen dough and divide it into 4 equal portions. Shape each portion into a round loaf and place them on the prepared baking sheet.
8. Press your thumb into the centre of each loaf to create a small indentation. Press some of the chopped olives into each indentation.
9. Bake in the preheated oven for 20-25 minutes, or until the bread is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom.
10. Remove the Pan de Aceitunas from the oven and let it cool on a wire rack.
11. Serve the Pan de Aceitunas warm as a delicious accompaniment to your meals.

Oat and Apple Cake

Oat and Apple Cake, or "Torta de Avena y Manzana," is a delightful dessert that combines the wholesome goodness of oats with the natural sweetness of apples. This beloved cake is a favourite in Argentina, celebrated for its moist texture, comforting flavours, and rustic charm. Oat and Apple Cake is enjoyed on various occasions, from casual breakfasts and brunches to afternoon tea or dessert. It is a comforting and nourishing treat that evokes memories of home-cooked meals and cherished moments shared with loved ones.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large apples, peeled and grated
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup milk
- Powdered sugar for dusting (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9-inch round cake pan.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the rolled oats, flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt.
3. Add the grated apples to the dry ingredients and mix until well combined.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk together the melted butter, eggs, vanilla extract, and milk.
5. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix until just combined.
6. Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan and spread it out evenly.
7. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.
8. Remove the cake from the oven and let it cool in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely.
9. Once cooled, dust the top of the oat and apple cake with powdered sugar if desired.
10. Slice and serve the Oat and Apple Cake as a delightful dessert or snack.

Pan de Maíz

Pan de Maíz, or cornbread, is a beloved staple in the country's culinary landscape, celebrated for its hearty flavour, tender texture, and versatility. This traditional bread, which traces its roots to indigenous cultures and colonial influences, has become an essential component of Argentine cuisine, cherished for its comforting taste and rustic charm. Pan de Maíz is enjoyed on various occasions, from breakfast to dinner and everything in between. It is often served alongside traditional Argentine dishes such as grilled meats, stews, or soups, where its hearty flavour and tender texture complement the meal perfectly.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup corn kernels (fresh, canned, or frozen)

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C). Grease a baking dish or line it with parchment paper.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the cornmeal, flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk together the milk, vegetable oil, and eggs.
4. Gradually add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, stirring until just combined.
5. Fold in the corn kernels until evenly distributed throughout the batter.
6. Pour the batter into the prepared baking dish and spread it out evenly.
7. Bake in the preheated oven for 20-25 minutes, or until the bread is golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.
8. Remove the Pan de Maíz from the oven and let it cool slightly before serving.
9. Serve the Pan de Maíz warm as a delicious side dish or snack.

Hamburger Bun

Hamburger buns, known as “pan de hamburguesa” or simply “pan de hamburguesa,” play a crucial role in one of the world’s favourite comfort foods, the hamburger. While the hamburger itself has roots in the United States, the Argentinian version of the bun brings its own unique twist to this iconic dish. Hamburger buns are a staple at backyard barbecues, casual gatherings, and family meals across the country. They serve as the perfect vehicle for holding together a juicy beef patty, along with an array of toppings such as lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, and condiments like chimichurri sauce or mayonnaise.

Ingredients:

- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 cup warm milk
- 2 1/4 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1 large egg
- Sesame seeds for topping (optional)

Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, combine the warm milk and active dry yeast. Let it sit for about 5-10 minutes, or until the yeast is foamy. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, and salt.
2. Add the melted butter, egg, and activated yeast mixture to the dry ingredients.
3. Mix until a dough forms. If the dough is too sticky, gradually add more flour, 1 tablespoon at a time, until it becomes smooth and elastic.
4. Transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface and knead it for about 5-7 minutes.
5. Shape the dough into a ball and place it in a greased bowl. Cover with a clean kitchen towel or plastic wrap and let it rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, or until doubled in size.
6. Once the dough has risen, punch it down and divide it into 4 equal portions.
7. Shape each portion into a ball and place them on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, leaving some space between each bun.
8. Cover the buns with a clean kitchen towel and let them rise for another 30-45 minutes.
9. Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C).
10. Brush the tops of the buns with a little water and sprinkle sesame seeds over them, if desired.
11. Bake in the preheated oven for 15-20 minutes, or until the buns are golden brown and sound hollow when tapped on the bottom.
12. Remove the buns from the oven and let them cool on a wire rack before slicing and serving.

Torta Negra Galesa

Torta Negra Galesa, also known as Welsh Black Cake, is a rich and indulgent dessert that reflects the cultural heritage of the Welsh immigrants who settled in Patagonia, Argentina. This beloved cake is a symbol of tradition and community, cherished for its deep flavours, moist texture, and festive significance. Torta Negra Galesa is traditionally enjoyed during special occasions and holidays, particularly Christmas and New Year's celebrations. It is often served sliced thinly and accompanied by a cup of coffee or tea, allowing guests to savour the rich and festive flavours of the cake while sharing stories and memories with loved ones.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup pitted prunes
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup candied fruit (such as orange peel, lemon peel, or citron)
- 1 cup dark rum or brandy
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (such as walnuts or almonds), optional
- Powdered sugar for dusting (optional)

Instructions:

1. In a saucepan, combine the prunes, raisins, candied fruit, rum or brandy, and water. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and cook for about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and let it cool completely.
2. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9-inch round cake pan.
3. In a large mixing bowl, cream together the sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
4. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and salt.
5. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture, mixing until just combined.
6. Stir in the cooled fruit mixture and chopped nuts, if using, until evenly distributed throughout the batter.
7. Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan and spread it out evenly.
8. Bake in the preheated oven for 45-55 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.
9. Remove the cake from the oven and let it cool in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely.
10. Once cooled, dust the top of the Torta Negra Galesa with powdered sugar if desired.
11. Slice and serve the Argentinian Torta Negra Galesa, and enjoy the rich and fruity flavours with your friends and family!

Pan de Pasas

Pan de Pasas, or raisin bread, is a delightful and flavourful bread that adds a touch of sweetness to any meal. With its rich raisin flavour and soft, tender texture, this beloved bread is a staple in Argentinian cuisine, cherished for its versatility and delicious taste. Pan de Pasas is enjoyed on various occasions, from breakfast to dinner and everything in between. It is often served alongside traditional Argentine dishes such as grilled meats, stews, or salads, where its sweet flavour and soft texture complement the meal perfectly.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 cup warm milk
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 egg, beaten (for egg wash)
- Additional melted butter for brushing (optional)

Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, mix the warm milk, sugar, and yeast. Let it sit for about 5-10 minutes, or until the yeast is foamy.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour and salt.
3. Add the melted butter and yeast mixture to the flour mixture. Mix until a dough forms.
4. Knead the dough on a floured surface for about 5-7 minutes, or until smooth and elastic.
5. Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover it with a clean kitchen towel, and let it rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, or until doubled in size.
6. Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C). Grease a baking sheet or line it with parchment paper.
7. Punch down the risen dough and divide it into 4 equal portions. Shape each portion into a round loaf and place them on the prepared baking sheet.
8. Press the raisins into the top of each loaf.
9. Brush the tops of the loaves with beaten egg.
10. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the loaves are golden brown and sound hollow when tapped on the bottom.
11. Remove the Pan de Pasas from the oven and let it cool on a wire rack.
12. Serve the Pan de Pasas warm as a delicious accompaniment to your meals.

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